REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-20 were pending and under consideration.

In the Office Action of March 10, 2003, claims 10-20 are allowed. Claims 1-5 and 7-9 were rejected.

In response, as a matter of expedience, claims 1-5 and 7-9 have been cancelled. Applicants do not acquiesce in the rejection and reserve the right to pursue against all cancelled claims in a continuation application.

Inasmuch as only allowed claims 10-20 remain pending, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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